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New ideas versus council experience

Reeve and deputy-reeve candidates make final arguments at all-candidates meeting

Jenn Watt
Editor

History and council experience bumped up against the promise of fresh ideas and perspectives on Monday night at the reeves and deputy-reeves meeting at Fleming College.

The last of a five-part series hosted by CARP and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the meeting took on some big issues such as a county swimming pool and the possibility of amalgamation of the four lower-tier municipalities.

For the few in the audience who hadn't already decided who to vote for, the candidates took the time to highlight exactly what they would bring to the county council table if elected.

The incumbents mostly focused on their achievements in government, while their opponents pointed out that community and private-sector experience can be just as useful when it comes to serving on council.

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Dysart reeve candidate Janis Parker answers a question from the audience at the reeves and deputy-reeves all-candidates meeting on Oct. 6, while incumbent Murray Fearrey raises his hand to also provide an answer. The meeting was held at Fleming College in Haliburton. **Darren Lum** Staff



A Mouse in my House: a personal account

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

I SCREAMED SO LOUD you would have thought there was an intruder in my place.

And in a way, there was.

I remember the moment so clearly: as I entered my kitchen a small little grey and white critter scurried across the floor, right from under the kitchen table.

The sound waves of my scream reverberated through the kitchen, which the mouse didn't take kindly to.

My presence seemed to be making the mouse uncomfortable, as its sight was an equally unwelcome one to me.

I knew what had to be done: out came the traps.

It wasn't the first time a mouse had been spotted at my place, but it had been a while. Years had passed since my trusty traps had been set, faithfully catching the critters then, and I hoped again now.

Placed carefully under the kitchen table,

and one behind the couch, the traps were set with generous amounts of peanut butter, a favourite of Haliburton mice.

That night, as I slept semi-soundly in bed, I awoke to the loud sound of a snap.

Aha, I thought, my victim had been caught.

The next morning my suspicions were proven true as a mouse lay peacefully (at least I would like to think so) on the floor, off to a better place.

Never one to get ahead of myself, the trap

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Pool, amalgamation all still on table

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Dysart et al reeve candidate Janis Parker opened the evening by reiterating her previously expressed concerns about economic development and the environment and pointing out that her experience is just as valuable as that of a sitting politician.

"While it is true that I do not have experience on county council, my education, business, travel and community experiences have provided me with a very broad base of knowledge," she said. "Process and legislation can be learned, enthusiasm, a fresh perspective, a track record of success can't be..."

Incumbent Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey took his two minutes off the top to list some of the successes the county has seen while he has been in office over three decades.

He told the audience he was part of council when the Provisional County of Haliburton became its own county. He was also there when the 19 members of council dropped to eight, he said.

"As of today, we're only one of a handful of counties that has a competitive tax rate and we're debt free," Fearrey said.

Perhaps because Dysart deputy-reeve candidates Dennis Casey and Andrea Roberts both have council experience, their speeches relied more on recent council work and personality traits.

Roberts said that while she doesn't always have the

answers to constituents' questions, she listens and is willing to follow up on concerns.

Casey highlighted his education in business administration and his time as a resort owner, a chamber of commerce president and recent work on the environment and green energy committee among many others.

In Highlands East, only the reeve candidates chose to attend. The deputy-reeve in Highlands East is elected from amongst council members rather than from the general population, so at this point it's not clear who would be vying for that job.

Political newcomer and reeve candidate Steve Cosentino told the audience he had a deep connection to the area and indicated he had been fielding many comments about the fact that he lives primarily in Whitby.

"I'm very invested in Highlands East. I'm retired. I'm there every single week of the year," he said.

Cosentino said he understood the issues facing the municipality and has a "big picture view" of the county.

Current Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton pointed to his time as warden of the county, his service on the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus and on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which has been responsible for co-ordinating high-speed Internet expansion across the region.

"I'm very proud of the success of actively pursuing grant applications," he said. About \$5 million in grants for infrastructure, the new library in Wilberforce and improving roads has come in to Highlands East, he said.

On most topics, most of the candidates gave cautiously optimistic responses.

Most said they would look at the idea of amalgamating the four municipalities into one, however, many pointed out that amalgamation usually leads to increased costs.

It is also logistically difficult to execute and may not garner the desired results, a few candidates pointed out.

When the public pool discussion came up, most said they would like to see a pool, but didn't think it was in the cards in the short term.

The two Highlands East candidates said there already

was a public pool in Cardiff and would like to see money put into that facility first.

Casey said a location would need to be found before anything more could be done. Parker and Fearrey repeated their comments from last week's all-candidates meetings: both like the idea of the pool, but not the idea of taxpayers funding it.

Parker expanded her vision, saying she'd like to eventually see a recreation centre with not only a pool, but also studio space and housing for Fleming College students.

Fearrey said he thought a pool would happen eventually, but a site needed to be found and it was going to take time before anything came to fruition.

Since the meeting ran into our press deadline, the complete story can be found in next week's paper and online at haliburtonecho.ca.



**I'm very invested in Highlands East. ...
I'm there every single week of the year.**

— Highlands East Reeve Candidate
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Figures in for OPP billing model

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The numbers are in.

The County of Haliburton issued a release Friday afternoon detailing exactly how each of its four lower-tier municipalities will be impacted by the new OPP billing formula the province will enact in 2015.

The most drastic increase will be in Algonquin Highlands where, during the five-year, phase-in period, its policing bill will increase 230 per cent, from approximately \$330,000 per annum to approximately \$1,075,000.

  	
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Dysart et al will see an 86 per cent increase, from about \$1.1 to \$2.1 million; Highlands East an 83 per cent increase from \$660,000 to \$1.2 million; and Minden Hills a 57 per cent increase from approximately \$1.2 to \$1.9 million.

Collectively, the county's OPP costs over the five years will grow from \$3.3 million to nearly \$6.3 million.

What the increases will mean for taxpayers will be determined by the lower-tier councils during their 2015 budget deliberations.

Most politicians have indicated that tax increases, potentially coupled with service decreases, may be required to combat the huge increase in costs.

"On behalf of county council and the citizens of Haliburton County, I would like to thank everyone for their attention to this matter over the past year," Highlands East Reeve and County Warden Dave Burton said in the release. "Your voices and expertise were much appreciated. Out collective efforts had an impact but it remains that another \$3 million will be leaving the county without any additional services."

County residents took part in a letter- and email-writing campaign protesting the formula that culminated with a day of action - OPP May Day - on May 1.

County council lobbied the province repeatedly to rescind the formula, including visits with the former and current minister of community safety and correctional services.

The formula redistributes OPP costs on a per household basis throughout the province. Seasonal residences are weighted evenly with year-round ones, so most cottage country communities will experience large increases, while other communities see their bills shrink.

Bills are weighted 60 per cent for fixed, base costs and 40 per cent based on calls for services generated locally.

The base service amount per household throughout the province is \$200.51.

"A special thanks goes to the CHA, the Chamber of Commerce and many members of the public who offered their expertise and time to assist," Burton said in the release. "Councillors from all municipalities have expressed their disappointment in both the process and the outcome. Further discussions will be held by county council at upcoming meetings."


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Seed crops determine mouse populations

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was emptied but then reset and replaced in the exact same location.

I would love to tell you that this is where the story ends, but that would be a lie.

Over the course of the next four weeks four more mice were caught, all using the same traps and fresh peanut butter.

The parade of animals trying to move into my cozy abode were each taken care of, a mouse cemetery beginning to form in my backyard.

The events of September began to worry me, so I started telling my mouse tale to friends and coworkers.

It appears I was not the only Highlands resident encountering more mice than usual.

Rumblings that this was a bad year for mice began making their way to me, many residents sharing similar stories.

All were pointing to unseasonably cool temperatures as the likely cause.

A trip to Haliburton Home Hardware further proved I was not the only one stocking up on mouse traps, as boxes filled with products were lined up along the shelves.

As it turns out, the store was selling anything and everything when it came to methods of trapping mice, said office manager Laura Mawbey.

"Even people who don't normally have mice are finding a few," she said.

Sales of traps are up this fall, with the traditional wooden trap still being one of the most popular, she said.

"It's tried and true."

Other more modern traps, fashioned more like a clamp, are gaining in popularity as well, as they offer a better release method and are reusable.

The store also offers live mouse traps, where the animal is not killed but can be released back outdoors.

Some styles are completely out of stock, which is a trend across many Home Hardware stores due to the increased sales, said Mawbey.

So why are there so many little rodents making their way into people's homes, cottages and even cars this year?

Turns out it's not because of the weather, but can be traced back to last autumn, and its bumper crop of tree seeds.

A research scientist who specializes in wildlife research and monitoring, Jeff Bowman has been familiar with mice for a few decades.

Bowman did his PhD on the effects of forest management on small mammal populations, such as mice before he began working with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in 2001.

The large influx of mice this fall can be attributed to an abundance of food available last autumn, he says.

"They [mice] fluctuate quite widely from one year to the next," said Bowman. "They fluctuate in response to tree seed crops, like acorns, beech nuts, maple seeds (called samaras). If in a fall of a particular year there's lots of these seeds around, then mice will have lots of food and have high survival through the winter."

If conditions are particularly good, mice can even breed in the winter, which means the following year there will be a large



Haliburton Home Hardware office manager Laura Mawbey points to an array of mouse traps, which have been popular this fall among consumers. Mawbey said she has heard lots of people say they have an increase of mice this year. Some traps are out of stock due to demand.

mouse population, said Bowman.

"So you get this one year lag effect," he said.

This is the trend we are currently experiencing, verified through an annual wildlife food survey conducted by the MNRF, which keeps track of seed crops.

"We know that last year was quite a big year for acorns, beech nuts and maple seeds, and it's not necessarily the case that those would fluctuate in synchrony, but that happened to be the case last year in central Ontario," he said.

Mouse populations are monitored regularly to help scientists pinpoint what trends are happening across the province.

One example of this is a small mammal survey done every year in Algonquin Park with support from the MNRF. Conducted for the past 60 years, the survey is one of the oldest of its kind in North America, said Bowman.

"We have a long time series of mice data, so we know which year has lots of mice so we can compare that to seed crops," he said.

An adjunct professor at Trent University, Bowman is also spearheading a study on the distribution of mice, as there are two species that can be found in the Haliburton

Highlands.

Haliburton County is the most southern area where you would find the deer mouse and the northern limit for the white-footed mouse. Distinctions between the two breeds are minor, says Bowman.

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Next year, guaranteed there will be fewer mice around.

— Jeff Bowman
MNRF

"Over the last several years those two species have not been fluctuating synchronously," he said. "But this year, this summer, both populations are very abundant."

Bowman primarily studies small mammals, including mice and things that eat mice, due to their ecological significance.

"Mice are very important as a food for various other species," he said.

Mouse predators include weasels, fishers and martens, as well as hawks and owls.

But you don't need to rush out and stock up on hundreds of traps, as this phenomenon will pass.

"Next year, guaranteed there will be fewer mice around," says Bowman.

Since mice can sustain a high mortality rate, due to their breeding abilities, trapping the animal doesn't make a big difference to the overall population numbers, according to the scientist.

I'm not sure if this is news I want to hear or not.

If you are going to trap the animal Mawbey suggests using peanut butter, for its potent smell and sticky texture.

My own experience says she is right.

It's been just over two weeks since the last mouse in my house was caught. But the traps are still set, just in case.

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Jobs, accessibility, housing centre stage

➤ Dysart et al meeting draws large crowd and almost all candidates ahead of municipal election

Jenn Watt
Editor

The Great Hall in Fleming College was standing-room only Sept. 30 as more than 200 packed in to hear what candidates for Dysart council had to say.

Highlights included frank discussions about the possibility of a pool, accessibility of sidewalks, roads and bridges in Haliburton Village and how to better accommodate part-time residents who often pay more taxes than those who live here full-time.

Reeve candidates Murray Fearrey, the incumbent, and Janis Parker, a businesswoman and former councillor, presented distinct options for voters.

Fearrey emphasized successes that have happened under his tenure at the municipality including the creation of housing, job and population increases.

"It's never good enough; always more can be done. But it can only be accomplished by experience, time commitment and the ability to lead in the public sector," Fearrey said during his opening remarks.

He suggested changes to standards for septic re-inspections, more affordable housing, housing for Fleming College students, opening a second phase of the industrial park and guarding against invasive species.

Parker pointed out that there was still much work to be done on the environment, the economy and for low-income people.

"Forty per cent are unemployed during winter months and incomes are 35 per cent under the provincial average," Parker said.

She gave examples of septic education, restoration of shorelines, enforcement of environmental protection bylaws and the establishment of an economic development plan to attract new business as things she would work on if elected.

In the deputy-reeve race, Dennis Casey and Andrea Roberts each worked to convey their personality traits and knowledge of council to the crowd.

Casey said he was an independent thinker, but also a team player, while Roberts said she has a positive attitude, values kindness, but is not afraid to speak her mind.

Only one candidate from Ward 1 attended the meeting. Nancy Wood-Roberts told the audience that she has lived in the ward her whole life. A nurse for 32 years at the hospital, she was also a councillor from 1998-2003.

She called herself "an average taxpayer" who had the time, energy and drive to do the job.

Ward 1 candidate Bill Davis was not able to attend due to illness. His daughter read his opening remarks, detailing his 25 years in politics.

Davis's statement pointed to his work on reducing poverty and said council would need to distinguish between the "need-to-haves" and the "nice-to-haves."

Candidate Bob Nichol declined the invitation to participate.

In Ward 2, all three candidates attended the meeting.

Steve Dunec, the owner of Leftovers fast-food restaurant and the self-proclaimed "wiener man" (because he runs the town hotdog stand), said this was his first foray into politics.

He said he wanted to ensure services were maintained at quality levels – "sustainable, maintainable and explainable."



Darren Lum Staff

Sarah Levis, writer, consultant and activist, addresses this year's candidates about accessibility for people with disabilities at the Dysart all-candidates meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30 in the Great Hall at the Fleming College Haliburton campus. Levis was one of several people who asked questions from the floor. The hall was at capacity, forcing many to stand at the back.



“Quite frankly, I don't know how in the world that it [a pool] won't come back ... on the taxpayers.”

— Reeve candidate Murray Fearrey

Derek Knowles told the audience he had moved to the area 14 years ago and was the Ward 2 councillor from 2006-2010. He said his business background from the auto industry was an asset to council. He didn't believe those who said "the sky is falling" in Dysart and pointed to progress in the last 15 years.

He said he wanted to protect lake water quality, improve infrastructure and work to expand high-speed Internet coverage.

"Why doesn't everyone in Dysart have access to high-speed Internet?" he asked. He said he wanted to see a strategic plan



“I'm in favour of a swimming pool/recreation centre. That said, I'm not in favour of building it on the taxpayer's dollar.”

— Reeve candidate Janis Parker

that included all aspects of improving the community.

David McKay said he has "lived through ups and downs of seasonal employment" and the community needs to invest in its youth. The fourth-generation resident said his family moved here for a simple way of life, which is no longer a reality. However, he maintained "there is no better place for a family to be raised than Haliburton."

For Ward 3, Tammy Donaldson was the sole representative. Candidate Bill Sinclair did not attend the meeting.

Donaldson, who grew up in Harcourt

and is an area businesswoman, said she is "community-minded, energetic and enthusiastic about the future of our beautiful area."

She said the area needs to create employment so young people can stay.

In Ward 4, both candidates – Susan Norcross and Aaron Walker – attended the meeting.

Norcross said she had made Ward 4 her full-time home in 2004 and has enjoyed her last four years as councillor. She had a nearly perfect attendance record at council and committee meetings.

"Over the next four years, we will be challenged with growing our economy, updating our infrastructure and provide badly needed housing. There's no doubt there's more to do," she said.

Walker has lived in the area for eight years and has strong ties to the business and not-for-profit sectors, he told the crowd in his opening remarks.

The three pillars of his platform included economic development, water quality and food sustainability.

"In a county of 17,000 people, there's over 1,000 registered food bank users, and Food For Kids [provides] about 4,000 nutritious breakfasts a week, I think that we have to remedy and address hunger and poverty within the county before we can build on that foundation for economic development," he said.

Ward 5 candidate and incumbent councillor Walt McKechnie was acclaimed and attended the meeting, but did not participate in the discussion.

On the Issues

The following are brief summaries of where the candidates stood on various important community issues. At the meeting, some questions were posed only to specific groups (i.e. Ward 2 candidates only, reeves only).

Supporting Business (reeves and deputy reeves)

Casey: Serves on the housing and business development committee and in the short term would separate it into two committees. Would like to see seasonal business people and youth on the committee. Would work with county council to encourage economic development.

Roberts: Would like to see collaboration with other economic development committees amongst townships. Would support business in town and keep communication open with the BIA.

Parker: Get started on an economic development plan and work with existing businesses to find out what services they outsource for. If enough outsourcing is available, try to attract a business that does that work to the Highlands. Work with the business incubator.

Fearrey: Start on the second phase of the Industrial Park plan. Explore commercial tax rate with MPAC to make things easier for business.

Seniors and Assisted Housing (Ward 1, 3 and 4 candidates)

Wood-Roberts: More long-term care beds, more housing in general, more assisted living beds needed. Municipality needs to help provide those types of housing so that members of the community don't have to leave.

Donaldson: Seniors are important. "I think whatever they need help with we should have a serious look at what we can do."

Norcross: 24 units have recently been built on County Road 21 outside of Haliburton. Three of those units are for people with disabilities. Council needs to find a party to

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The hall was at capacity, forcing many to stand at the back at the Dysart all-candidates Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30 in the Great Hall at the Fleming College.

Candidates suggest Bancroft-model transportation service

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build assisted living project.

Walker: Would take recommendations of the Aging Well Committee. Housing needs to be provided for people as they get older and move away from their lake homes. Need to make town more accessible for people with mobility issues. Rural transportation needs to be addressed, too.

Healthy, active communities (all ward candidates)

Walker: Need to support local agriculture, community gardens. Need a community [recreation] centre that is accessible for all. Any rural/remote community should have access to a recreation centre.

Norcross: During the last term of council, York and Highland streets have been improved to aid in better accessibility. Two portable ramps were put in on the main street. New recreation opportunities have been found. Like to see work grow in the future.

Donaldson: In Ward 3, trails are recreational asset. Important to have information available for nutrition and exercise.

McKay: Healthy lifestyle is important for seniors. Activities are needed throughout the year.

Knowles: Allowing for seniors to have healthy lifestyles is of "utmost importance."

Dunec: In favour of low-cost recreational opportunities such as snowshoeing and cycling.

Wood-Roberts: Council should support work of health unit. When health unit sees a problem, if there is a role for the municipality, they should come to council.

Helping rural, waterfront property owners (Ward 4, deputy-reeve and reeve)

Norcross: Work with lake associations on educating people about septic re-inspections, work with the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. Continue to attend lake association meetings.

Walker: Growing the tax base would reduce the tax burden on waterfront property owners. Expand business community and housing.

Parker: Continue to support lake plans and promote best environmental practices. Be prepared for effects of global warming by doing things such as installing bigger cul-

verts whenever repairs are done.

Fearrey: Kennis Lake is a growth area. Need to make accommodations to help grow commercial part of the community. Must protect water bodies. 80 per cent of taxes paid by lakefront residents.

Casey: We have to grow our tax base to support the infrastructure part-time residents need such as roads.

Roberts: Keep communication open between lake association and council. Maintain roads and landfills.

Transportation (ward candidates)

Wood-Roberts: Municipality already supports Dymo bus. Cancer society and Community Care help people get to appointments.

Dunec: Doesn't have immediate solution. Knowles: Seniors need transportation. We rely on volunteers right now, but might not be best going forward.

McKay: Doesn't have an answer, but would work with other council members for a solution.

Donaldson: Would look at other rural communities that have services, like Bancroft, which has the "TROUT" public transportation service. TROUT might expand.

Norcross: Cost of public transportation would be prohibitive.

Walker: TROUT in Bancroft is self-sustainable and picks people up in the many surrounding communities.

Building a public pool (reeve candidates)

Parker: "I'm in favour of a swimming pool/recreation centre. That said, I'm not in favour of building it on the taxpayer's dollar. I am very prepared to help with a business plan, to help find partnerships, to find a location." Hopes there will soon be swimming in the winter in Dysart.

Fearrey: So far, no candidates in Algonquin Highlands or Highlands East have said they are in favour of a pool. "Quite frankly, I don't know how in the world that it won't come back when it's built to be on the taxpayers." Doesn't believe 1,600 people would use it in the winter as a study has suggested.

Watch video of the closing remarks of reeve and deputy reeve candidates online: haliburtonecho.ca.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Shaking up the vote

JIM MILNE is Haliburton's tireless champion of electoral reform. Every election, he sends in at least one letter to the paper about changing the way we vote, arguing that our system doesn't fairly reflect the will of the people.

While his arguments are accurate and valid, hopes of change to our system seem far off, especially after the Ontario referendum on the subject in 2007 brought back 37 per cent support.

This election, Milne has added a twist to his campaign, with a ballot showing all of the candidates for municipal government. During his demonstration, he asks participants to mark the top seven candidates regardless of which ward they represent.

On Oct. 27, he intends to tally the votes and put them through a mathematical process known as single-transferable vote (a method used in the U.K., Australia, Malta and others) to determine what council we would hypothetically elect if we were able to choose our top seven regardless of which ward they represent. This is one example of how the system could change.

Milne has chosen a good time to do his demonstration; many voters in this election are having a hard time choosing between two highly qualified candidates.

The most obvious of those being Andrea Roberts and Dennis Casey, two dedicated councillors, who are both running for deputy-reeve.

In the system we have, when two

strong candidates run against each other, there can only be one winner. In Dysart et al, we have several races that include two fantastic candidates who would do good work on council.

What if we did things differently? What if we could cast our ballots for our favourite seven?

Of course, issues arise in this day-dreaming practice – ensuring all areas are represented by council, for example – but alternative systems exist elsewhere and produce fair, representative results.

Milne's ballot project isn't meant to be taken as a literal solution to our electoral woes, rather it is a demonstration of the possibilities that exist when we re-examine our methods of choosing our representatives.

It seems like a wild idea, but change can happen.

According to the *Toronto Star*, Premier Kathleen Wynne has expressed interest in changing the way we vote municipally, giving ranked ballots as an option in the 2018 municipal election.

That system is different than what Milne has been proposing; it is designed for city elections where five or six people run for each position rather than two or three (or sometimes only one) here.

The point is, other methods exist and could produce councils that include our best candidates, rather than having to get rid of some of the most inspired and experienced people interested in the job.



Jenn Watt
Editor



autumn blossoms

by Darren Lum

Kurios

NEVER LET IT BE SAID that just because you come from a small town you can't do something big.

I recently attended my first ever Cirque du Soleil show Kurios – Cabinet of Curiosities. A number of Haliburton folks and I were in the audience thanks to Julie Barban who continues to organize adventures to the performing arts.

The show was stunning.

It is set in the turn of the last century when the spirit of invention was all around. It's as if the audience steps into the cabinet of an inventor who is experimenting with time, space and dimension in order to reinvent everything around him. The costumes and the sets are stunning and mysterious.

Steam engines, electric lights, moving pictures and flying machines have all just been discovered or are about to be. New machines and gadgets appear in every scene.

Live music throughout the entire show is delightful.

There were times where I laughed my head off. Other times I was totally delighted and in awe.

One scene, called the Upside Down World was one of the most amazing things I have ever seen on a stage.

Cirque de Soleil comes out of a small town.

It began to take shape in the early 1980s in Baie-Saint-Paul, a beautiful village of about 8,000 people that is found on the north shore of the St-Lawrence River, east of Quebec City.

Les Échassiers de Baie-Saint-Paul ("The Stiltwalkers of Baie-Saint-Paul"), a theatre troupe founded by Gilles Ste-Croix, walked on stilts, juggled, danced, breathed fire and played

music.

These young entertainers, among whom was Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberté, constantly impressed and delighted Baie-Saint-Paul's residents.

In 1984, during Quebec's 450th anniversary celebrations of Jacques Cartier's discovery of Canada, the province sought an event that would take the festivities to all Quebecers.

Guy Laliberté convinced organizers the answer was a provincial tour of Cirque du Soleil performers and it hasn't stopped since!

Cirque du Soleil is a Quebec-based company recognized all over the world for high-quality, artistic entertainment. Since its beginning in 1984, Cirque du Soleil has constantly sought to evoke the imagination, senses and emotions of people around

the world.

In 1984, 73 people worked for Cirque du Soleil.

Today, the business has 4,000 employees worldwide, including more than 1,300 artists.

At the Montreal International Headquarters alone, there are close to 1,500 employees.

More than 100 types of occupations can be found at Cirque. The company's employees and artists represent more than 50 nationalities and speak 25 different languages.

Close to 150 million spectators have seen a Cirque du Soleil show since 1984.

Close to 15 million people will see a Cirque du Soleil show in 2014. Cirque du Soleil hasn't received any grants from the public or private sectors since 1992.

It takes a vision and a lot of hard work to build something that lasts, but it is possible.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great
Green Meadow



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Bleeding? Pardon?

UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING I had no idea several major arteries passed through my ear lobe. That is the short answer in case you are wondering why I had a Band Aid over my ear this weekend and was looking more like Vincent Van Gogh than normal. It was an honest mistake that could have happened to anyone – provided he is over 50. One minute I was in the washroom having a nice close shave; the next minute I had created what could have been the set of a slasher movie. Somewhere between those two instances, I noticed a new crop of ear hair had emerged. This is something that most men over 50 deal with routinely. One day your ear is smooth as a baby’s bottom then, the first minute after your 49th birthday, ear hair that would make an Ewok blush suddenly emerges.

In a perfect world, this would not be an issue. Women would find ear hair sexy; you would be able to claim your status in the herd based strictly on the amount of ear hair you possess; comb overs would be even easier. But, alas, it is not a perfect world. Which is a shame because I, for one, would love to watch a nature documentary that showed two old human bulls circling each other and sizing up the other’s ear hair in order to determine dominance. Sadly, however, we have not yet attained that level of enlightenment. In fact, quite the opposite. This might come as a surprise to all you over-50 bachelors, but ear hair is probably the No. 1 reason you are still an over-50 bachelor. You see, if there is a woman who is enamoured by ear hair, I have yet to meet her. I know, it makes no sense! You would think that thick, luxuriant locks of ear hair would give a man an evolutionary edge in northern climates. The more you have, the less likely the chances of getting frost-bitten ears. And if you are not susceptible to frostbite, you do not need to cover up your ears with ear muffs or the flaps of goofy fur lined hats. That means you are able to hear things like approaching polar bears. This, by the way, is the first step in surviving polar bear encounters. The second step is being able to run like the wind while wearing full drawers. There are other equally compelling reasons. For instance, if we men were allowed to let our ear hair grow out, we might eventually be able to be able to weave it into warm, wind resistant cape that would allow us to spend more time open-air ice fishing. And that would mean more food for the family. Sadly, none of this will happen because of statements such as the one I heard on Friday night. Her exact words were: “Your ear hair is getting kind of long.” Needless to say, I couldn’t hear her because my ear hairs were rustling in the breeze. But after she yelled it the second time, I got the message. Not quite actually. At first, I thought she was paying me a compliment. I mean, normally, long hair is associated with youthfulness right? Unfortunately, this is not the case with ear hair. Put it in a pony tail all you like and it won’t fool anyone. Trust me. Some subtle thing tells me women don’t like ear hair. So, on Saturday, instead of using the ear hair trimmers she bought me for Christmas, or the ones she bought me for my birthday, or the ones she got me for Valentine’s Day, I decided to run a Gillette triple blade over, and eventually through, what is apparently the most important arterial network in the human body. And boy did it bleed. It bled so much I started to wonder why vampires don’t just bite right into lobes. I mean, talk about a win-win for everyone. I even posed that question to Jenn yesterday when we went for a walk. I’m sure she had an interesting reply, too. But it was windy, so I didn’t hear it...



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

letters to the editor

Parker my pick for reeve

To the Editor,

I enthusiastically believe Janis Parker can and will make a difference as reeve of Dysart et al! Janis Parker can take us to the next level and help us keep up with the changing times. Janis Parker’s dedication to Dysart has been proven with her past and present contributions. She served us well as Ward 4 councillor and her tremendous energy in volunteer work year round is almost unlimited!

In looking out for the people in need Janis was a driving force behind raising money to deliver over one million dollars in urgent dental care with the Volunteer Dental Outreach Program. Janis has the energy, ideas, dedication, generosity and the courage to make it happen! Vote Janis Parker. Vote for the future!

Patricia Bertram
West Guilford

Library building worth the cost

To the Editor,

I understand there are concerns about the cost of the new Highlands East library branch in Wilberforce. The old library had become unusable for many people and inaccessible for some, also mould was an issue. Libraries are not luxuries, they are necessities. The books, as we know provide hours of enjoyment for old and young. They also provide resources for students to do projects and write essays. Which brings me to another concern in Highlands East. Poverty is of great concern to the community. A library can be a major piece in promoting literacy. Literacy as we know is an integral part of the education of our youth. Beginning with pre-school-

ers, the library allows them access to books that they may not otherwise have. Books have become prohibitively expensive for many families, but they can borrow a book from the library. Reading is a tool that everyone needs to have, in order to do just about anything. Education is a way to pull oneself out of poverty. Education provides opportunities for employment in many and varied areas. The library is an important part of the community, providing enjoyment for young and old and support for the education of our youth. In my books the library is worth it.

Patricia Russell
Wilberforce

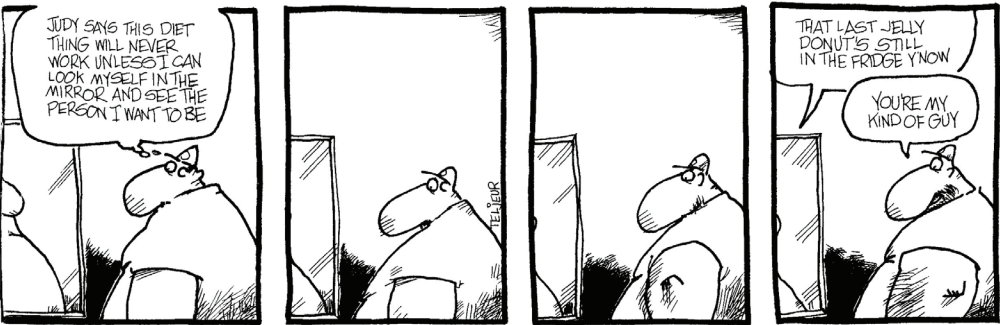
Cherish your memories

Gerald Irish
A Senior’s Moment

Memories, joyous or sad, are wonderful. Fortunately, I still have the ability to remember. Small things trigger the recall of other things. Seeing a person in the grocery store to whom I can say, “Hi Gord. Good to see you again.” A smile. Words of a song. A special aroma. The way a person moves. The way someone speaks. And so on. Some cause memories, good or bad, to come back to me from some place in my childhood. I may need help once in a while recalling certain individuals, and this is where my wife enters the scene. “Hon, do you remember that young man named Roy?” “Do you remember Debbie What’s Her Name doing exactly what that woman on TV is doing?” Or “Do you remember when we had to say goodbye to that dear friend or relative? The pain of the loss?” Gone far too soon. Memories may be beautiful or horrendous, happy or depressing, but those memories are ours, with which we have to live and with which we alone must deal.

I am grateful ever day for memories. Some memories, or parts of a memory, come rushing back to me. Others, like a person’s name, I sometimes have to seek. As I look around our residence, I sometimes ask, “Where did we get this beautiful memento?” Then the mental search begins and together we strive to come up with an answer. Usually our collective concentration will do the trick. As my doctor told me, keeping my mind active, writing these articles, doing word searches or cross-words will help me remember and for this I want to thank all of you who bother to read *A Senior’s Moment*. It sure helps me keep this old mind active (maybe a slower active, but still active). I find it very hard to imagine completely losing life’s wonderful memories that I have accumulated over these many years. Time will tell. We have no way of predicting the future, only ways of remembering the past. I often compare memory to a jigsaw puzzle. Memories are all the pieces, large and small, that fit together to create a picture. We only have to keep finding those pieces to complete the jigsaw of our lives. Haliburton’s seniors, keep finding the pieces of your jigsaw.

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Medical centre ends walk-in clinic

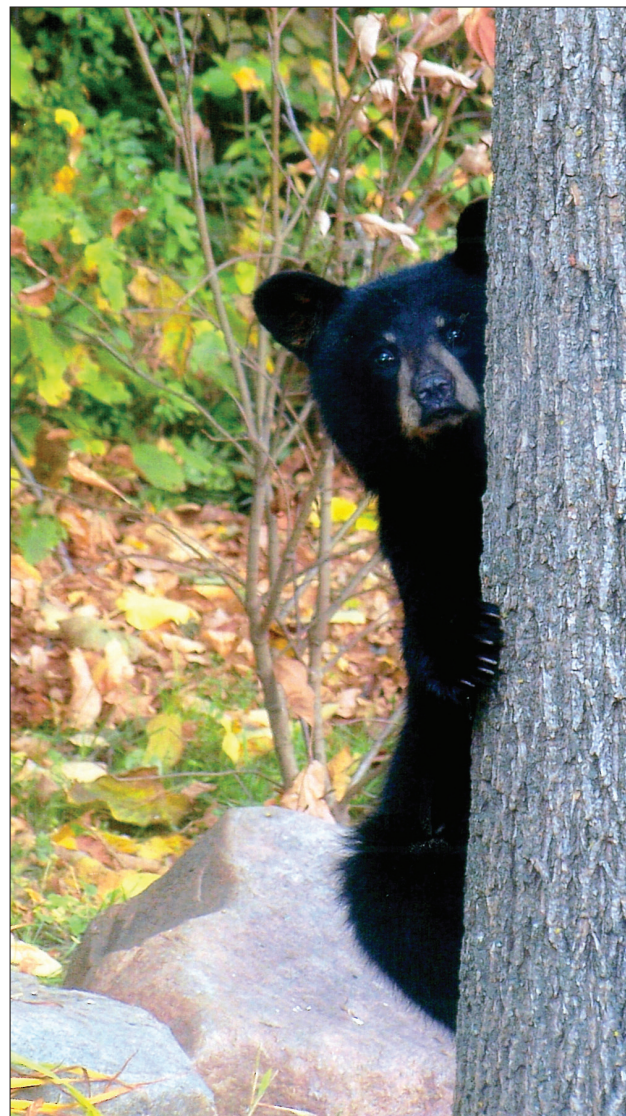
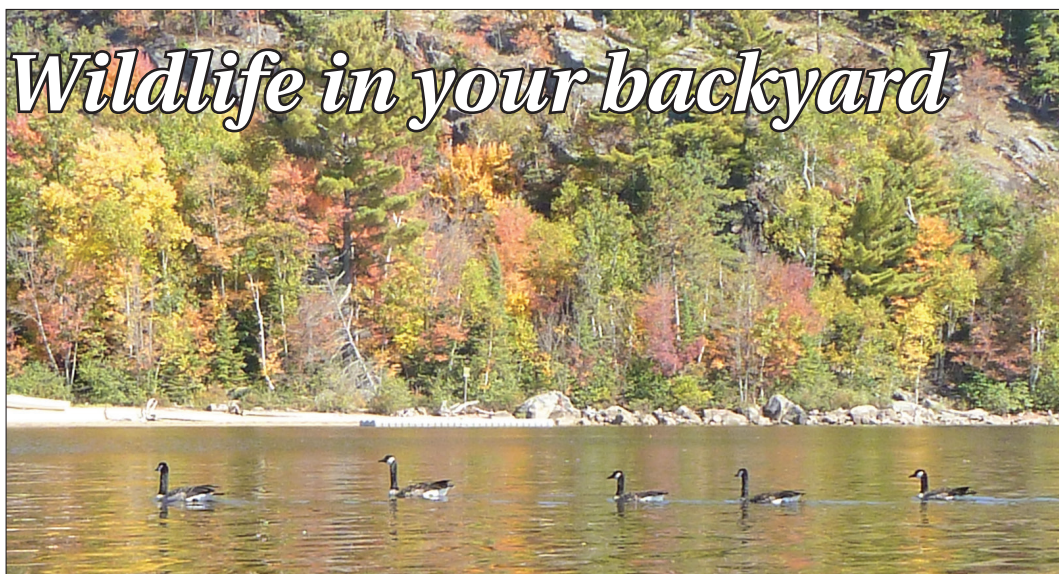
Darren Lum
Staff reporter

After this week, anybody that wants to see a doctor in Haliburton who doesn't already have one will have to call for an appointment.

Although the walk-in clinic will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. this week, the Hali-

burton Family Medical Centre is asking the public to call 705-457-1212 to make an appointment with a physician any day between Monday and Friday.

Also, there are five physicians who are accepting new patients. Fill out a patient request form (see www.hhfht.com/how-to-become-a-patient/) and drop it off at the medical centre, located at 7217 Gelert Road.



Top right, "Like just about everyone else on Drag Lake, these Canada geese seemed to be taking a 'leaf tour,'" writes Allen Pizzey, who sent in this photo.

Above, Laura Smith took this picture of her neighbourhood marten, which she has named "Smartie."

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John Skinner sent in this photo with the caption: "Winnie visits Halbiem Crescent."

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Bobcaygeon pool runs \$100,000 deficit

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

One would be hard-pressed to find many, if any, public swimming pools in Ontario that don't operate at a deficit, says the director of community services for the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Along with a larger aquatic centre the city operates at the Lindsay Recreation Complex, it also operates a smaller pool and fitness facility in Bobcaygeon.

The Forbert Memorial Workout Centre contains a three-lane, 18-metre swimming pool and an adjacent gym.

Built between 1996 and 1998, the construction of the facility used no public money. It was constructed on donated land using money from the estates of

the Downey, Dyke and Forbert families. It was operated by the Village of Bobcaygeon, prior to it becoming part of the amalgamated City of Kawartha Lakes in 2001.

According to City of Kawartha Lakes community services director Craig Shanks, about 19,000 people use the pool each year, with another 9,000 using the fitness centre.

Fees for the pool range from about \$2 for a single use by a child to to \$525 for a year-round family pass.

At the fitness centre, fees range from a single use by a senior at about \$4 to a year-round pass for a couple at about \$250.

Annual revenues from the pool and gym combined average between \$175,000 and \$200,000, leaving the City of Kawartha Lakes to pay expenses in the range of \$100,000 a year.

The facility costs between \$275,000 and

\$300,000 annually to operate.

"You won't find many, if any, public pools which do not operate at a deficit," Shanks told the paper. "It is a costly business. The fitness component is more of a revenue generator and therefore we are looking at options and developing a business case to present to council to look at expanding the fitness component to make the whole facility more cost effective. However, with the city's infrastructure needs this will be a hard decision for the corporation to make."

In Haliburton County, the County Swimming Pool Initiative released a study it had commissioned in February and has suggested an indoor pool in the community would pay its own operating expenses.

A telephone survey targeted at county residents aged 20 to 75 was conducted, with 885 people interviewed by phone.

Those results were extrapolated and applied to the county's population, with the study concluding a projected total membership of between 1,600 and 2,230 people would be willing to pay \$45 a month for access to a facility in Haliburton Village.

Those figures dropped significantly to between 520 and 890 for a facility located in Minden.

Questions about the viability of an indoor pool in Haliburton County have been put to candidates in the all-candidates' meetings that have taken place so far for the Oct. 27 election.

The bulk of candidates have responded they don't believe such a facility to be economically viable and that public money should not be used.

Revving up for the hospital

Despite the hail, black skies and rain there was an excellent turnout in Fort Irwin Saturday afternoon at Fort Irwin's Garden Centre with the Victoria British Car Club (VBCC). 17 cars travelled up Harburn Road after parading down Main Street of Haliburton in the Colourfest Parade. Barb Hammond, who owns and runs the Garden Center in Fort Irwin, hosted Saturday's fundraiser for Haliburton Hospital.

Ian Macnab (right) club member of Haliburton, and Frank DiCarlo, (left) club president, VBCC, of Lindsay spoke enthusiastically of the warm welcome the car club received in Haliburton and in Fort Irwin. "The people have been just great," DiCarlo stated with a heart-felt smile.

The fundraiser's success, which made \$435 for the hospital, was due, according to Hammond "to residents and cottagers of Haliburton Lake who supported this event." Hammond is a long-time community supporter as she continues to give back. Submitted by Patti Powell



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Organizers ask zombies to donate healthful food

Think of nutrition when donating to area food banks

Jenn Watt
Editor

The end of October in Haliburton has come to signify more than just the spookiest time of year, but also one of the most charitable.

Several October events now involve food bank donations from the Fill the Truck campaign on Oct. 8 to Terror on Wonderland Road on Halloween.

For lovers of all things spooky, this is an exciting year in Haliburton.

The first ever Zombie Walk will bring together all types of monsters and the undead at Head Lake Park Nov. 1.

For a donation of cash or food for the food bank, participants looking their most ghoulish will join the walk through the village at about 3 p.m., ending up in the Foodland parking lot, where a flash dance of Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, organized by Julie Barban, will be performed.

Zombies with a bit of muscle stiffness need not worry: Lynda Shadbolt of Haliburton Yoga will be getting those joints loosened up with a zombie yoga warm-up session.

Following the dance, there will be a Zombie Shuffle at the Legion with music and "innard stew on the menu."

Then on to the after party, where Shockin' Sheri Hawkins and the Rockin'

Dead will perform at the Pinestone. Minimum donation of 99 cents, doors open at 7 p.m.

For those looking to harvest a bit more candy after Halloween, a new initiative called Haliween is happening Nov. 1. Pick up a special bag from Baked and Battered, Foodland or TimberMart and fill it with food.

On the day of the Zombie Walk, those who bring those bags back filled for the food bank will receive a wristband that qualifies them to trick-or-treat at downtown Haliburton businesses.

All of the food gathered is distributed between the county's four food banks.

Go to HaliburtonZombieWalk.com for more information.

Bell and his wife Cathy Barnett have become known in the community for their truly frightening haunted house.

"It started because it didn't seem anyone was doing Halloween," Bell says. "It's the one day of the year people are supposed to be scared. It grew from there."

About seven years ago, the couple started

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We never expected it to take off like it did.

— Alex Bell

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DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK!

Organizers of Halloween inspired events such as Terror on Wonderland Road and the Haliburton Zombie Walk are asking participants to bring nutritious items to be donated to area food banks. A checklist of suggestions can be found above.

constructing the creepy attraction on their property. Each year, they added more and more items branching into animatronics and each year it becomes more popular.

"We never expected it to take off like it did," Bell says.

People kept trying to give them money for their efforts, which led Barnett and Bell to turn Terror on Wonderland Road into a

fundraiser for the food banks about three years ago.

Last year they started the nutritious food campaign with the assistance of Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"We were very pleased with how people responded," Bell says.

With so many opportunities to donate, Bell says it's important that nutritious food be given.

"I don't think people were giving [the donation's nutrition] much consideration," Bell says.

People often give food that they aren't eating at home, and that means junk food or food that isn't as tasty.

Canned fruit and vegetables, whole wheat pasta, cereal (not sugary) and canned spaghetti sauce are a few examples of better donation options.

Recently, the Haliburton County Food Bank Network sent out a release encouraging donors to choose more nutritious food.

According to the release, 30 per cent of food bank users in Haliburton County are children and Barbara Walford-Davis of the Minden Food Bank said items for children's lunches are appreciated.

"[Items] such as individual fruit cups, whole grain crackers and high-protein canned chicken are always needed," she said. Donating money also helps, as the food bank can then purchase the fresh items such as milk, meat, bread and fruits and veggies.

To see a full list of things to donate, go to www.HaliburtonCountyFoodNet.com and click on "food bank donations."

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Haliburton cottager finds debut novel on Giller prize long-list

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Jennifer LoveGrove always knew she wanted to be a writer.

As a child growing up in Dunnville, near Lake Erie, LoveGrove was always writing stories and making little magazines, her creativity pulsing through her personality.

Now a Haliburton cottager who splits her time between Toronto and her place near Wenona Lake, LoveGrove is a full-time writer who recently published her debut novel, *Watch How We Walk*.

In September the book was announced as a selection for the long-list of the Scotiabank Giller prize.

A fictional story about a family of Jehovah's Witnesses who encounter a tragedy, the novel centres on the main character of Emily.

For LoveGrove, Emily's voice was a constant presence in her mind, one that wouldn't go away and eventually became the inspiration for the novel.

"I wasn't intending to write a novel, but every time I sat down to write fiction, regardless of the story, it was her," LoveGrove told the paper. "I decided to see where it went, and soon realized that her story, the story of this Jehovah's Witness family, would have to be a novel. It was too big and too much for a short story."

A published poet and short story writer, LoveGrove grew up in a Jehovah's Witness family before breaking away from the religion when she was in her teens.

Throughout the pages of *Watch How We Walk* difficult issues are tackled, including isolation, suicide and sexual violence.

"Part of my motivation for writing the book was my knowledge of how deeply damaging the Jehovah's Witnesses sect is," said LoveGrove. "I did grow up in this religion, but fortunately was able to leave in my early teens, but I know the damage it can do ... I wanted to give voice to the experiences of so many who fled or were forced out of their communities and I really wanted to explore what can happen where this religion and sexuality intersects. The results are often catastrophic."

Not new to the experience of writing, LoveGrove admits creating her first novel was challenging and a long process.

"I think that the adage that says part of writing your first novel is learning how to write a novel is true," she said.

Although it was a learning process, one that took about six years from start to finish, the challenges were worth the reward.

"Pacing was challenging for me, which by extension includes plotting, and I worked really hard at that, so I'm gratified when so many people have said they couldn't put it down," said LoveGrove.

Other challenges included many re-writes, edits, drafts, tense changes, cuts, additions, reordering and revising before it became a version the writer felt like she could live with.



Haliburton cottager Jennifer LoveGrove is a full-time writer who splits her time between Toronto and her place in the Highlands, seen here. Her debut novel *Watch How We Walk* has been announced on the long-list for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. /Photo submitted

"It was a complicated love-hate relationship," said LoveGrove. "Now I'm happy it has left home and gotten a job, as it were."

Already at work on her second novel, LoveGrove was shocked when she found out her debut was on the long-list for the Giller prize.

"My reaction was to wonder if I was imagining it," she said. "And then to wonder if there was a defibrillator nearby. I was shocked, I really didn't expect it."

The announcement has resulted in a confidence boost for the writer, especially going into her second book, and she hopes the prestige of the long-list will create a wider readership for the story she is telling.

A Haliburton Highlands resident since 2010, LoveGrove gets much of her writing inspiration from her year round place in cottage country, where she enjoys hiking, mountain biking and swimming. It was also where she did her final edits for *Watch How We Walk*.

Apart from the natural environment, LoveGrove loves Haliburton because of aspects such as its support of the

arts, the farmers' markets and the new craft breweries, she said. She even adopted her beloved dog Edgar from the Haliburton Feed Store.

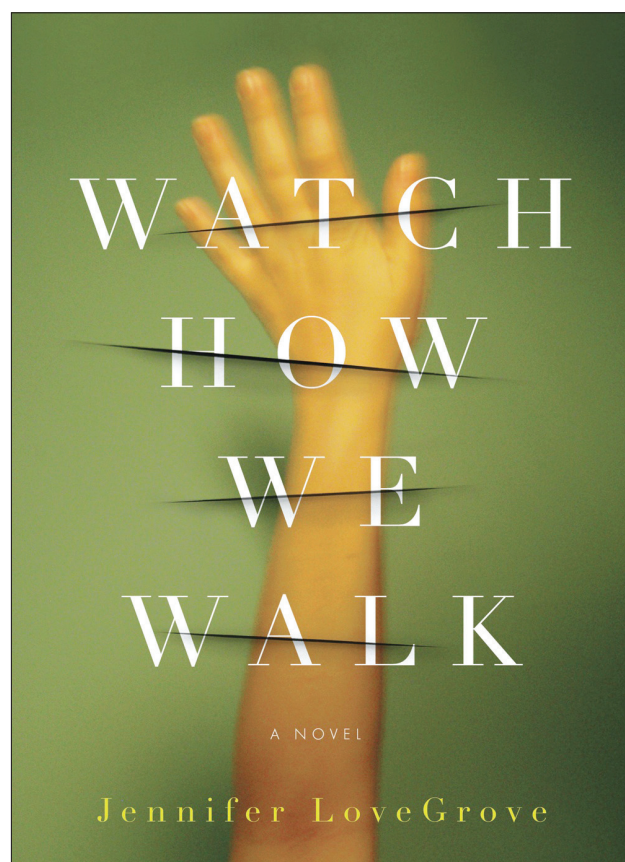
"I started a new manuscript of poetry in Haliburton, the first piece I wrote for it came out of watching the vicious November wind bend the trees, though the poem is about more than that," said LoveGrove. "We [LoveGrove and partner Erik] spend a lot of our time in the Haliburton area, we're not just weekenders."

The finalists on the Giller prize long-list were selected amongst 161 books, submitted by 63 publishers from across Canada.

Watch How We Walk joins 11 other books on the long-list. The short-list was announced on Oct. 7, however LoveGrove's novel was not selected.

A three-member jury will select the winner from the short-list of finalists in November.

The winner will receive \$100,000, with each finalist taking home \$10,000.



LoveGrove's debut novel, *Watch How We Walk*, is a fictional story about a family of Jehovah's Witnesses that encounters a tragedy. The book took about six years to complete, from start to finish. In September it was announced as a selection for the Scotiabank Giller prize long-list.

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Keeping the town colourful



A living scarecrow was making her way through Highland Street during Colourfest on Oct. 4. Organized by the Haliburton Business Improvement Area, the day was filled with festivities for all, including live music, classic cars and the inaugural pumpkin rolling contest down York Street. Ruth Carter was showing her true colours during the event, hoping to catch some fall spirit along the way.



Kids give their pumpkins a good push down York Street. Three age categories of participants rolled pumpkins, with almost 50 people participating in total. Prizes were awarded for the longest, shortest and craziest rolls, as well as closest to the circle.



Ed Sharp, left, and Boots entertain the crowds at Colourfest in Head Lake Park on Oct. 4 during the pet pooch contest. Boots was one of the many dogs who took home a prize.

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A parade of classic British cars made its way down Highland Street during the annual Colourfest on Oct. 4.



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Crowds filled the new studio belonging to April Gates, attached to the former Donald Schoolhouse, during the first weekend of the 27th annual Haliburton County Studio Tour on Oct. 4 and 5. Home to Blackbird Pottery, the studio was filled with mugs, bowls, teapots and shoppers.



Angelica Blenich Staff
Paint brushes and supplies were on hand at the studio belonging to mixed media artist Tiffany Howe during the Haliburton County Studio Tour on Oct. 5. A new location on the tour, Howe's studio was originally a tar paper shack, completely renovated and restored by the artist over the past year.



Angelica Blenich Staff
Shopper Jan Fuller gets a kick out of the whimsical and engaging pottery at Blackbird Pottery in Donald.

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Debbie Lambert admires the vibrant and intriguing colours at Tiffany Howe's studio in West Guilford.




Al Van Mil stands in front of one of his paintings at Miskwabi Tree House Studio, which is on the studio tour.



Laura Smith Special to the Echo
Jake Raynard and Terry Craig work on creating a music note out of glass at Artech Studio in Tory Hill on Saturday, Oct. 4 during the Haliburton County Studio Tour.


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Be thankful at the Haliburton Highlands Museum

Public invited to celebrate an old-fashioned Thanksgiving

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

This year on Oct. 11 the Haliburton Highlands Museum is inviting the public to step back in time with An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving.

From 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., the museum will transport visitors back in time with staff dressed in period clothing, demonstrations in blacksmithing, preserving and candle-making, crafts for children and an opportunity to taste autumn through treats such as ginger and molasses cookies.

Curator Kate Butler said this event helps to recognize the efforts of the community's early settlers from the 19th century.

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When you think of Thanksgiving you think of all those crops coming in and that agricultural history, but it was a bit challenging for those first settlers when they got here.

— Kate Butler

“When you think of Thanksgiving you think of all those crops coming in and that agricultural history, but it was a bit challenging for those first settlers when they got here,” she said. “Many of them diversi-

fied. Many of them started to do work in the lumber industry. It is true some of them did move on to live in other parts of the country, but the fact that people tried so hard when they came here to make a go of it we want to celebrate those people especially considering Haliburton Village does turns 150 this year.”

Like last year, the log farmstead and the Reid House will be open, providing one of the last chances to walk through a piece of Haliburton history before winter.

“Usually Thanksgiving weekend is the last official weekend that Reid House is open for the season, but that’s not to say it might not be open a few other days we get good weather. It’s the last day we can guarantee the Reid House will be open. It’s another reason to come on by,” she said.

The Reid House was built in 1882 by John Russell Reid Jr.

According to the museum website, the house is Haliburton’s “largest artifact.”

It was restored (with furnishings of the period and artifacts) to the turn of the 20th Century when it was lived in by Reid, his

wife Janet (Clinkscale) and their three children, Russell, 17, Charlotte, 15 and Agnes, 13. The house stayed in the Reid family until 1967 and then became the Haliburton Highlands Pioneer Museum.

The historical buildings on site are always a draw, Butler said.

“People do love to get inside them and see essentially the living history,” she said.

Technically Canada didn’t officially recognize Thanksgiving until 1879, but for agricultural communities when there is a harvest there is often a celebration, she adds.

This is the museum’s first Thanksgiving event for Butler, who wanted to seize the opportunity to reach out to greater number of people.

“We thought it was a weekend that had an awful lot of people are up ... we thought we’d like to offer something a little bit more than what we did last year and this is a good way to do that,” she said.

For more information visit www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com or email info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com or call 705-457-2760.



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Fort Irwin Marina raises funds for hospital auxiliary

Janet Trull
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A plastic yellow container, usually used for collecting needles and sharps, was full of cash on the counter of Fort Irwin Marina after a summer of community contributions. Judy Skinner, member of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, was surprised at the weight of all the loonies and toonies and bills when she accepted the generous donation. Since the May long weekend, Haliburton Lake residents, cottagers and visitors have been putting their extra change into the container, hoping to achieve their goal of purchasing an IV pump for Haliburton hospital.

In past years, Fort Irwin Marina owners Maria and Brad Willing have launched campaigns to raise funds for local charities from the food bank to supplementing fuel costs for those in need. This year, Maria says, many Fort Irwin residents had health issues, and the couple decided to show their appreciation to the Haliburton hospital. The hospital is always there for them, the Willings say, so they asked Judy Skinner, how can they help? The answer? An IV pump. The costly equipment is in constant demand in the emergency department and the acute care ward.

Even though the goal of \$3,000 seemed a bit high, the Fort Irwin community didn't disappoint.

The youngest donor was Emma Thomp-

son, a seven-year-old cottager who set up a lemonade stand at the Haliburton Lake Regatta. Her enthusiasm for philanthropy was infectious, and she raised more than \$250. It must have been very good lemonade, because some people paid \$20 for a glass! Maria and Brad Willing were so impressed by Emma's community spirit, that they matched the lemonade stand donation along with their own personal donation.

Judy Skinner says that the number of young people who participate in community events is encouraging. She was delighted to hear about the teenagers who volunteered to clean up the public beach at Haliburton Lake. At the end of the day, they returned some bottles for deposit money.

Rather than spend it on themselves, they

dropped by the marina to stuff the cash into the yellow container.

Maria mentioned that there was a new group chipping in to the charity this year. Some Fort Irwin friends, who get together regularly for dinner, decided to forgo hostess gifts in favour of contributing loose change. The proceeds went straight into the yellow container.

Individual donors also quietly added to the pot, and the final count was \$3,000. With a generous spirit, the community members in Fort Irwin reached their goal. Every coin counted. Every glass of lemonade made a difference. Thanks to the yellow container on the marina counter, there is now a new IV pump on order for the hospital.



Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary representative Judy Skinner accepts a donation from Fort Irwin Marina owners Maria and Brad Willing.



Seven-year-old Emma Thompson was the youngest fundraiser, raising more than \$250. /Photos submitted

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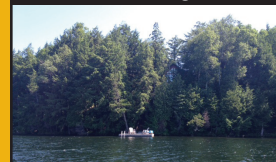


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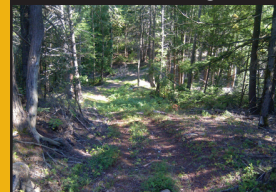
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Grannies Fall for Africa at Abbey Gardens

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

There was a feeling of fall in the air at Abbey Gardens for the inaugural Fall for Africa event on Oct. 5.

Hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Grannies, the event formerly known as Harvest Harmonies included live music, a silent auction, food and fun.

Now in their eighth year, the Haliburton grannies raise funds to go towards the Stephen Lewis Foundation, for the Grandmothers Campaign.

More than \$1,500 was raised, through the auction, an African Marketplace and by donation.

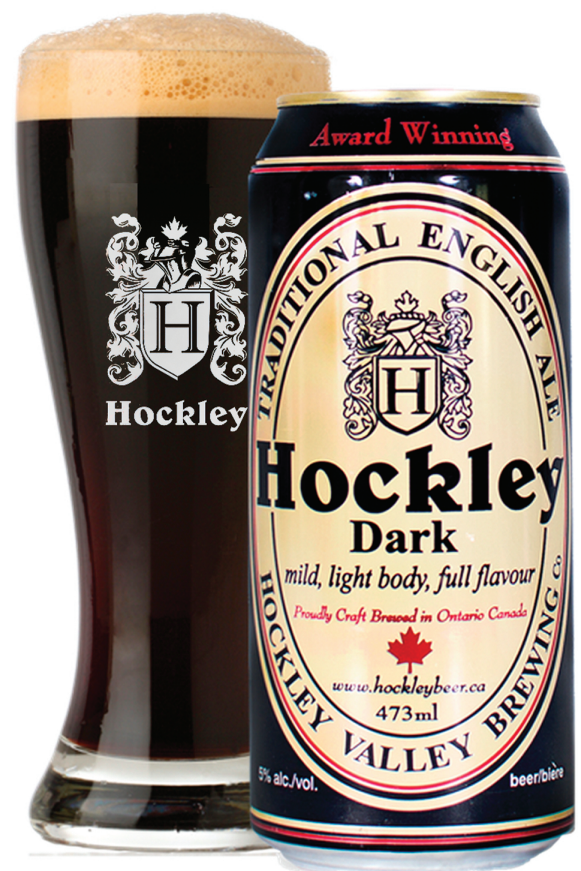
Organizers would like to thank all volunteers who helped make the day possible, Abbey Gardens for the wonderful hospitality and the musicians who came out.

The next event hosted by the grannies is the annual Granny Tea, which will take place next June at a new location, the Haliburton Legion.

Live music was one of the many highlights at the Fall for Africa event at Abbey Gardens on Oct. 5. Hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Grannies, the event was in lieu of the Harvest Harmonies fundraiser and included food, a silent auction, music and an African marketplace. The event raised more than \$1,500 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. **Angelica Blenich** Staff



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Coalition says water levels an election issue



Municipal governments help with infrastructure, planning on TSW reservoir lakes

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

As Haliburton County residents mail in their ballots or click for the candidates they like best, the Coalition for Equitable Flow (CEWF) is asking them to keep water levels in mind.

The CEWF is a volunteer organization advocating for shoreline residents throughout the watersheds that feed the Trent-Severn Waterway.

While the TSW is federally-run through Parks Canada and many of its dams owned by the provincial MNRF, CEWF co-chairman Chris Riddle says there are actions municipal politicians can take to help achieve more equitable water flow.

"We think there's quite a lot of things, often supportive, that can be done at the municipal level," Riddle said.

For example, the replacement of the dam at Kenneth Lake, which the federal government will start in 2015, provides an opportunity for municipal involvement in the planning process, making sure it's attractive and addressing the need for a landing or dock, he said.

After devastating flooding in the spring of 2013, a new communications protocol was developed locally, creating more efficient dissemination of information from the federal and provincial governments to local governments, organizations and media.

"Communication was probably top of mind," Riddle said. "No question it was greatly improved."

However, he said the level of detail of the information coming from the MNRF regarding dam operations could be much more specific and it's lobbying the upper levels of government for continued improvements where municipal politicians can make a difference.

In the summer, the coalition released an open letter with questions to municipal candidates in seven townships – the county's plus three others – and has posted those responses on its website.

For example, one question asks candidates if they'd urge Parks Canada to release dam safety reviews to the public as they are completed.

"I believe this question is the most critical," responded incumbent Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "A dam failure could create a state of emergency in the county costing millions of dollars and much devastation to people and properties. I will certainly support the coalition's efforts to bring the dam infrastructure to a good or fair state of repair."

Opponent, reeve candidate Janis Parker, responded: "Yes, this information is essential to the well being of our whole community. Without information, we cannot plan, predict, educate and/or offer solutions. There must be constant pressure put on Parks Canada to bring all dams up to a safe state of repair."

Another question asks how the new communications framework developed locally can be approved upon.

Fifty-three per cent of Dysart et al candidates responded to the open letter; 43 per cent in Algonquin Highlands; 29 per cent in Minden Hills and 20 per cent in Highlands East.

To see candidates' responses, visit www.cewf.ca.



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— CEWF co-chair Chris Riddle

Film festival line-up released

The eighth annual Haliburton International Film Festival is Nov. 7 to 9 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, located at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Once again the organizers have picked fascinating films from around the world – and back, including stories for foodies, rebels, lovers, cinephiles and adventurers!

This year's special guest will introduce the Saturday night feature, *Big News From Grand Rock* about a small town newspaper facing bankruptcy, and will later answer questions, including "what was the best advice received from mentor, Eugene Levy?" And yes, it's a funny film!

Passes for all seven films are \$40 and include a gala reception Sunday afternoon. If available, tickets can be purchased at the door on a rush basis for \$10 each. The lineup: (For full descriptions go to www.haliburton-movies.com/festival.html.)

Friday, Nov. 7

6:30 p.m.: *Chef, USA*, 114 m, Writer/producer/director Jon "Favreau has assembled a terrific cast for a road trip that is joyous and revelatory, all set to a great soundtrack..." - Linda Barnard, *Toronto Star*

9 p.m.: *The Lunchbox*, India, 104 m, "The *Lunchbox* is a feast of delights, one of the best stories about the connection between food and love the movies have ever seen." Colin Covert, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*

Saturday, Nov. 8

10 a.m.: *Wadja*, Saudi Arabia/Germany, 98 m, "The film is deserving of its position as a pioneer. It's a heartfelt, touching peek into the day-to-day life of a culture Westerners rarely get to see." Cary Darling *Fort Worth Star-Telegram/DFW.com*

1 p.m.: *Like Father, Like Son*, Japan, 122 m, "Follows [a] pattern fairly predictably at first, then transcends it with tenderness, humor and exquisite depth of feeling." Joe Morgenstern, *Wall Street Journal*

3:30 p.m.: *Tracks*, Australia, 112 m, "Tracks is an exhilarating adventure that opens up an unknown world to most of us and does it so well that we feel we're living it too." Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*

7:30 p.m.: *Big News From Grand Rock*, Canada, 87 m, "tells the story of Leonard Crane, the editor of *The Grand Rock Weekly Ledger*, a small town newspaper that's on the brink of bankruptcy. Desperate to save his paper, Leonard takes a drastic step: he starts making up stories, passing off the plots of old

movies as local news. But things go from bad to worse when one of his stories attracts the attention of a big city reporter."

Sunday, Nov. 9

10 a.m.: *The Great Beauty*, Italy, 142m, 2014 Academy Award winner, Best Foreign Language film, A vivid glimpse, both funny and deeply unsettling, of a Berlusconi-era Italy rotting below its luscious-looking surface. Jon Frosch, *The Atlantic*

Those Other Movies is a non-profit organization run by volunteers that operates as part of the Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival. Film Circuit is an association of film groups that reaches over 350,000 film fans annually at more than 2,000 screenings in over 160 communities across Canada, including Bancroft, Fenelon Falls, Huntsville, Orillia, Gravenhurst and Bracebridge.

Refreshments will be provided by the Haliburton Highlands Grannies with proceeds going to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The committee is thrilled by the community support received over the years. From our generous donors to our dedicated patrons, and friendly volunteers, the inspiration keeps unwinding. *Submitted*



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Fireside stories

Now I don't know about you, but I love Thanksgiving. That's right. I love the colours of the trees (albeit the leaves are now burnished and falling, but still beautiful). I love the wood burning in my fireplace that brings a glow to the cottage and the faces of my friends sitting around it. I love the hot apple cider in

one hand and a piece of pumpkin pie in t'other. Oh, I'm getting ahead of myself, don'tcha know.

This year, the whole gang is coming for dinner at my Teeny House - Twindle Mumbly, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, Vilma Yuccch and her sweetheart, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Beanpole Starkman ... of course, Bogart, my pet bear will be there, and yours truly ... which makes seven of us gabbing and gobbling around a nice long cherry wood table that my dearly departed Uncle Miltie Morton made for me decades ago. And there will be no turkey. Instead, I'm baking a ham. Why ham? Because I WON one at the Lake WhaddyathinkImean Legion meat draw three weeks ago. And it's enormous. It was calling to me: "Maybelle, you share me now!" And I got it! After all, sharing is what Thanksgiving is all about. Giving thanks, appreciating what we have, and sharing our thanks with others. In ol' Maybelle's case, my good friends are my family. Yep, I'm just about the last Morton left to win a ham, or any piece of Porky P for that matter. And boy he's going to look dashing all gussied up with pineapple rings and maraschino cherries, don'tcha know.

Now, we call our get-together a potluck, but there's no pot and there's no luck. It's a matter of creative strategic planning. And we're all CEOs of our Thanksgiving meal. That's right. First we talk about it. "It" being that part of the menu we're going to bring to our "sharing."

Well, Twindle grew green beans in his garden this past summer, so that's what he's bringing...mixed with garlic, fresh lemon, olive oil and lemon zest. That's good CEO-ing and delish!

Sybil's bringing her laugh, her smile, her ca-RA-zy sense of humor and her scalloped potatoes. Layered with big sweet onions she grew in her garden and a dollop of mushroom soup. Sybil's scalloped taters are to live for!

As for Vilma ... why if she isn't baking something she calls a raisin kugel. A savory that goes with any main dish, made with egg noodles, raisins, sugar, milk, eggs, sour cream, cinnamon, butter and a special topping, all passed down from her great-grandmother, Barucha Yuccch. All I know is that five minutes after she brings her kugel to a pot luck, it's gone. Fffffffttttt! inhaled on sight. So, this time, I'm scooping some up before

she even gets a chance to say "hello!"

We let Officer McB (her sweetie) get away with not bringing any food because he'll be bringing something else that's really swell. Being a week-end inventor - and a good one at that - he's created the McBottom Autumn Leaf Re-attachment Machine - and it works! It sucks all those fallen leaves off the ground into its belly and then spits them onto those naked branches. And, if they don't stick to them, don'tcha know. A real McBottom mc-miracle!

Then there's Beanpole Starkman.

Well, show-off that he is...Beanpole is planning on flying his two-seater Tiger Mother bi-plane over Lake WhaddyathinkImean in figure eights with a banner blowin' in the wind that reads: "Free turkeys at the Town Hall!" And, a good thing at that. Why just two years ago Beanbrain, uh BeanPOLE, thought it would be a great idea to drop frozen turkeys straight from his bi-plane over people's houses. Ed McTivish still has the dent in his head to prove it. Beanpole meant well, but sometimes there's just a too much air pressing on his brain.

'Scuse me a second, Bogart, my bear just walked in.

Oh, my goodness, Bogart! You look just like Wookiee in Star Wars. What's that, Bogart? Come here, let me turn your thought-voice synthesizer cap on so I can hear what you're thinking. Ah, that's better. You're trying out your costume for Halloween? Well, it's a good one. With that mask on your head, you look just like him.

"Mama Maybelle, the Wookiees were the People of the Trees. And you know how much I love trees. They were also a species of tall, hairy humanoids that were inhabitants of the planet Kashyyyk. I'm a tall hairy wanna-be humanoid who lives on the planet Earth. I can't wait to go trick or treating!"

Sometimes the biggest among us are the softest and dearest. That's my Bogart, all right. And boy, am I glad he reminded me about Halloween. I sure hope Sybil dresses up the same way she did last year. Why if she didn't show up at my door wearing a long white nightgown ... her face painted white with tire tracks across it and all the way down her nightie. When I asked: Sybil, what in the world are you supposed to be? She said: "I'm tired and run down." Sure made ol' Maybelle laugh.

Yes, it's times like those, that make me thankful. Those small precious moments that so quickly are forgotten. But boy, when we remember them ... when we just sit and recall all those special bits ... why, they give even greater meaning to Thanksgiving. And with that in mind, I'd like to wish you and yours a very happy gobble day and a super fun Halloween, too. From one 'ol gal who still likes dressing up for it - may the witches and goblins be with you!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden, author of Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, available at amazon.com

Giving thanks for memories

Vanessa Knight-Platek
Special to the Echo

As I lay in the bottom bunk, after a hard day of packing boxes, I reminisce about all the great times we've had for the past 25 years at our Haliburton cottage. It kind of makes sense to spend my last night in the bunk bed where it all began when I was five years old. I chuckle, thinking about how my younger brother and I would "fight" over who would sleep on the top bunk. But now the old cottage has been sold and we are moving to a new one.... my mind wanders to so many good times.

Our family cottage trips always began with Dad somehow fitting ALL the gear in the trunk, like a magic trick. The drive would sometimes include a cat or two, but it pretty much always included the music of Yanni, with my brother and I "dancing" in the back seat to the music.

In the early days, before we owned a motorboat, Dad or Mom would swim and tow us in the dingy across the lake to collect mica rock. Entertainment was basic; at dusk we would light cozy bonfires and sharpen sticks to roast marshmallows. Canada Day celebrations would include the "mid-air writing" of our names with sparklers. Countless hours were spent just lazily fishing off the dock and losing expensive lures. Dad was constantly untangling fishing lines caught in trees or underwater logs. The best part, though, was just chilling on the dock, watching the beautiful sunsets and waiting for falling stars to appear.

Our cottage watersports went through an evolution of sorts, from using a foam board and rope with wooden dowel to an actual inner tube that made our tummies red, to the purchase of a real water tube. A wind surfer, waterskis and a wake board came a few years later. Slowly our boats improved as well from tranquil canoe to small motor boat to speed boat with a sprinkling of sailboats added to the mix. Dad called them his flotilla. Nothing was ever bought new, and so some things worked better than others. But that was the charm of cottaging. We learned to improvise a lot. The simpler the craft the more creative we were. The canoe would be capsized and we would hide and sing in the air pocket it created. The wind surfer was used as a board to test our balance. On a calm day, multiple "kids" would attempt to stand on the board all at once, no easy task, as many a photograph of flailing arms will prove.

When Dad turned 40 he built an additional structure. Mom threw a huge surprise party for Dad. The kids got to sleep in this new cabin structure.

It was our first night of freedom, our own little cottage. Yes, we felt free but we were still terrified to go up in the pitch black, Dad had to escort us.

Nothing feels sweeter than feeding a wild creature by hand. Chickadees and chipmunks were our favourites. One year we fed baby chipmunks, as their heads would pop up from their ground nests.

I remember being excited for the annual fair in Wilberforce, getting surprise grab bags at the Red and White or the Variety Store and rollerblading in the Wilberforce arena. On Saturday nights we would pick out movie rentals in town when they were still VHS tapes. And mmmm, the amazing tasting blueberry pies at the IGA. Haliburton was always the cool place to visit, especially as kids. We would climb the army tank and be thrilled to go into Stedmans. Life seemed so much simpler back then or at least in cottage country.

But there are a few not so great memories that deserve a mention. Very scary thunderstorms where we would be ready to bolt if a tree got struck by lightning. A runaway boat that my Dad chased down the lake in a violent summer rain. The worst memory: on my parents' wedding anniversary my Dad's eyeball was accidentally stabbed with a knife covered with butter and syrup. Those are better left forgotten. Of course the cottage wouldn't be the cottage without Mom's famous thick and fluffy pancakes, crispy bacon (the eggs were fried by my Dad), chocolate chip oatmeal cookies, the fairly recent barbecue chicken and homemade pizza. Junk food was plentiful: bags of nibs or red liquorice (that got stuck up our noses), jujubes, chocolate covered raisins, chips ... the list was endless. And so were the calories ... but hey, anything that gets eaten at a cottage doesn't count.

Some of my favourite memories are of weekends with cousins, playing Chinese checkers, Monopoly and Pictionary a billion times. To this day, the scent of farting competitions still lingers in the "bunkie."

As we grew older, friends and whole hockey teams would come to the cottage. We would have fun in the water and hang out on the floating dock. As years passed friends later changed to boyfriends/girlfriends, fiancés and husband and recently first grandson. Time sure does fly when you are having fun.

Thanks Mom and Dad for all the great memories. I know we will never forget them. As I slowly accept the fact that we are moving, I realize it's time to make new memories at what my husband calls "the cottage 2.0".

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services representatives came by the Pinestone Resort on Oct. 2 to receive a ceremonial cheque from the Rotary Club of Haliburton for a donation of \$5,000. The money is going to the Making Moments Matter campaign for the new palliative care centre at the Haliburton hospital. From left, HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian, HHHS Foundation chairman Peter Oyler, Rotarian Ted Brandon, HHHSF board member Sandy Adams, HHHSF board member Jim Mitchell, Rotarian Allan Bagg, HHHSF fundraising campaign co-chairman Don Popple, Rotarians Maureen O'Hara, Richard van Nood, Jim Henwood, Diane Smith, Don Downey, Rotary Club president David Zilstra, Mark Dennys and Ray Selbie.

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Darren Lum Staff

Book of the Month

The Silent Wife
by A.S.A. Harrison

October's Book of the Month is *The Silent Wife* by A.S.A. Harrison.

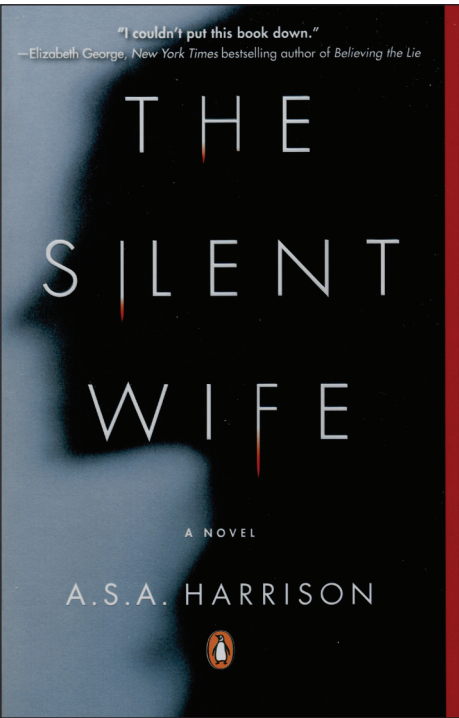
Jodi and Todd are at a bad place in their marriage. Much is at stake, including the affluent life they lead in their beautiful waterfront condo in Chicago, as she, the killer, and he, the victim, rush haplessly toward the main event.

He is a committed cheater. She lives and breathes denial. He exists in dual worlds. She likes to settle scores. He decides to play for keeps. She has nothing left to lose.

Told in alternating voices, *The Silent Wife* is about a marriage in the throes of dissolution, a couple headed for catastrophe, concessions that can't be made, and promises that won't be kept.

The Silent Wife was A.S.A. Harrison's debut novel, and published shortly after Harrison died of cancer in April 2013 at the age of 65. Nominated for the Evergreen Award, *The Silent Wife* is available at the Haliburton County Public Library in print and downloadable audio.

Library News
Evergreen voting is here! Starting Oct. 1 and running to Oct. 25 visit any branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and vote for your favourite Evergreen title. The Evergreen Award is part of the Ontario



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Smile Cookies are gone, but the smiles they've left in our community will last forever. Thanks to your support, Tim Hortons will be donating the entire proceeds to Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County



David Long sent in this photo of his view last week on Redstone Lake.

Repurposing contest winners announced

The following are the three winners of Dysart et al's repurposing contest asking people to reuse discarded material to make new things.

Alternative Energy winner

Andre Gagnon won this award for his solar-powered Tonka truck. "I took solar lights apart and fitted them to Tonka toys and they work, the lights turn on at dusk until the batteries are drained," he wrote.



Practical winner

Sailor McConnell won for this mobile chicken pen also known as a chicken tractor made entirely from discarded items, excluding the stainless steel bolts etc. The main frame is made from two aluminium ladders cut to size, the wheels are adjustable to move up and down according to terrain and are made from a discarded wheel chair. The door was cut and sanded from a discarded plastic tote of some heavier material, even the chicken wire and orange fencing was recycled. Hoops at top are discarded PVC piping. The handle, seen at front, is from a discarded wagon. During the summer months when in use it is covered with discarded boatwrap as it is solid, water and UV resistant.



Creative winner

Karen Gustafson made this island recycle station from left over bits and pieces. Their sizes determined the overall size it ended up being. Three old kitchen cabinet doors, plywood pieces, pine veneer particle board and old shelving were all painted and antiqued to hide the fact that nothing was the same. Gustafson used broken glass and tiles on another scrap of plywood to make the mosaic top. The doors hide the recycle bins. She added an old chrome towel bar spray-painted black on the end.



Funding Food for Kids

Food for Kids co-ordinator Aaron Walker accepted \$1,000 from RBC Dominion Securities investment advisor Elizabeth O'Connor on Oct. 3, 2014. The money comes from RBC Foundation and will go to feeding children breakfast at local schools. Walker said the donation will provide food at one school for several months. He said the organization is always in need of funding and volunteers and more details can be found at their new website: www.foodforkids.ca.


Jenn Watt Staff



Get active

The A.J. LaRue Arena was abuzz with activity for the first Leisure Mart on Friday, Sept. 12 where 36 vendors provided information to the public about autumn and winter activities. Organized by Dysart Township's Municipal Recreation Program coordinator Andrea Mueller, the event was a one-stop shop for the public to not only get active, but involved in the community, as it featured 36 vendors representing everything from social organizations to community groups.

Darren Lum Staff



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Darren Lum Staff
Junior Red Hawks player Jonas Hill puts a hit on the Lakefield District Secondary School Tigers quarterback on Friday, Oct. 3 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks dominated and won 34-12.



Darren Lum Staff
Junior Red Hawks player Izac Reid, who scored two touchdowns, dives for the endzone, carrying a Lakefield District Secondary School Tigers defender on Friday, Oct. 3 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field.

Fun Friday for junior football

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Besides a few nervous sequences, the Red Hawks showed they have the makings of a playoff bound team routing the Lakefield Tigers 34-12.

The smiles from the sidelines beamed, as family, friends and supporters of the Red Hawks had many opportunities be impressed and satisfied.

Coach Raavo Laidla, who was impressed by his players, loves how his team is so coachable and loves the game.

“Our team is very good. Everything is going in the right direction,” he said. “They have a very good attitude on the team. The kids work hard. They try hard. They put out. They do what they’re told. And they like to

play and they like to win.”

The team is 2-1 on the season. The lone loss is against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons.

It might be premature considering the competition, who came in winless in two games, but the Red Hawks’ depth was obvious.

This provided the coaching staff an opportunity to shuffle the personnel on the field, bringing in backups and substituting players.

Laidla attributed the turnovers in the second and the third quarters to the personnel changes and how the replacements weren’t up to speed and weren’t in the rhythm of the game.

The coaching staff returned the starters and the game was in hand after surrendering a pair touchdowns.

Some might consider the game a coming out party for rookie, Kyle Cooper.

The Grade 9 player, who was the tailback in the first and is backup quarterback, made quick work of the Tigers defence, scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter, including two extra-point converts.

Not to be outdone, full-back Izac Reid also had a pair of touchdowns while tailback Shane O’Reilly added a late-game insurance marker.

Hawks quarterback Rylan Gwyn threw a touchdown pass and completed a two-point convert play.

The team’s next home game is on Thursday, Oct. 16.

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Photos clockwise, from top left, Red Hawks senior tight end Hunter Smith leaps up for a pass from quarterback Tyler Johnson-Perrin; Red Hawks senior quarterback Tyler Johnson-Perrin, who was pressured for most of the game, gets off a throw; and tailback Tom Paul is held up by a Falcons defender. Photos by Darren Lum Staff

Falcons spoil Hawks' Friday

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When a player scores a 98-yard rushing touchdown it's hard not to be impressed.

The visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons quarterback, safety, kicker and nearly everything else, Patrick Pearson proved to be the difference maker against the senior Red Hawks football team said Hawks coach Tim Davies.

"We had the momentum and then all of sudden it was whatever a 98-yards run back," he said, referring to Pearson's touchdown in the first half. "We prepared for him. We knew he likes to run to the right and we did everything we could in practice. We just didn't have an athlete on the field, I guess, that could corral him on that particular play."

The loss of momentum and a lack of execution during the game proved too difficult to overcome in the end, leaving the Hawks with a 31-16 loss at home on Friday, Oct. 3 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field.

"Big plays by them and us not capitalizing on the drives that we had," he said.

The absence of a few key players was also apparent, Davies said.

Starters Devon Bangay, linebacker, who was reportedly sick, and defensive end Brandon Lethbridge, who is a proven run stopper, left the game early to tend to a shoulder injury at the nearby hospital. The team's two quarterbacks

second-year starter Devon Upton and first-year rookie and last year's season passing record holder Jaydon Wood are out of the lineup for an indefinite period.

Davies didn't elaborate on the reason the two were out other than saying he does not know if and when they will return. He said it's "up in the air" and the decision is not his and left it at that.

He adds his team has moved ahead, bringing other players forward who were lower on the depth chart.

A few bright spots included rookie seniors Ryan Hill and Mac Rider.

Hill finished with an interception, several tackles and helped prevent a touchdown by knocking a pass out of the hands of a Falcons receiver inside the five-yardline.

Rider helped with narrowing the gap and making the score respectable with a pair of touchdowns and a couple of two-point convert rushes for 16 points after the Hawks were shutout for most of the game.

Teammate Tom Paul, who rushed for a lot of tough yards, demonstrated awe-inspiring athleticism when he jumped at least four feet over a would-be tackler. Despite the highlight reel move, his bid to score on third and goal came up just short.

This wouldn't have stung so much except that the Falcons scored on the next offensive drive.

The team's next home game is on Thursday, Oct. 16.



Darren Lum Staff

Del Meyers rushes the ball in the Hawks home opener.

Hawks lose opener

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The best thing to do when you play the top team in the Kawartha Soccer League is to take note, said Red Hawks senior soccer team coach Rob Gervais.

"With a game like this ... you move forward by watching the other team play and seeing what worked against you and what broke your defence down," he said. "If we take some thing out of this game it is we need to pass more like them. We got to make that pass on a foot. We gotta receive that pass and not have it bounce three, four feet from us."

It was apparent following the 4 - nil loss to the visiting (AAA) St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints that the (A) Hawks faced an uphill battle despite a never-say-die attitude in their home opener last week.

Gervais appreciated his team's effort and acknowledged the improved play in the second half, from the back to the front. However, he said some of his players need to raise their aggression, working towards being the first to the ball.

"It's a commitment for them to think about getting there in a game and actually doing it," he said.

Gervais said midfielder Angus Sullivan "was carrying the ball and trying to make things happen." The team's forward Blake Wood nearly struck for a goal in the first half when he was left alone with the goalkeeper, narrowly missing the net.

Hawks goalkeeper McKay Coneybeare made many saves, several television highlight reel quality. His stellar play enabled the home side for a chance until early in the second half.

Although it's early in the season, the Saints are arguably the best team in the division A of Kawartha if not the entire league, as they are undefeated through two games.

The Hawks drop to 1 - 2 after opening the season with a win against Brock High School.

Note: as of press time the record indicated is before yesterday's game against I.E. Weldon.



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Autumn Red Hawks sports in full swing on pitch last week



A Red Hawks junior defender clears the ball from a St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School forward on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The visiting Saints won 3-nil after fending off an early offensive attack from the Hawks.
Darren Lum Staff

Judi Paul
Special to the *Echo*

The following are sports briefs for the week ending Oct. 3.

The Varsity A field hockey team travelled to Mississauga over last weekend to play in their first turf tournament. The Red Hawks finished second in their pool to move on to the next round of play. The girls played against long-time OFSAA rivals Pickering, but despite strong play lost 1-0 in penalty strokes. Special thanks to Shae MacNaull, Sydney Feir, and Becca Anderson for stepping up to tend goal throughout the tournament.

The junior boys' soccer team played a solid game against a strong St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School team at home last Thursday. Excellent goalkeeping and great defensive play kept the score to a respectable 3-0 loss.

While on the road last Tuesday, the Varsity girls' rugby team finished second against Fenelon Falls despite the great contributions of all team members both off and on the field.

The Varsity A girls' field hockey team took on Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School in their second game at home. The girls came out strong, dominating play and capturing four goals in the first half by Kenndal Marsden, Alex Yake, and two by Emma Scheffee. Great assists by Alicia McLean, Shae MacNaull, and Kenndal Marsden.

The Varsity A field hockey team travelled to Peterborough last Thursday to square off against the Holy Cross Hurricanes. The girls secured an early lead with a goal by Shae MacNaull, which was assisted by Maggie Scheffee in the first half. In the second half, the Hawks continued the offensive attack, scoring three more goals from Syd Feir off of a short corner, Alex Yake, and a second by MacNaull. Also last Thursday, the Varsity B field hockey squad pounded Holy Cross yesterday winning from a blistering goal by forward Cierra Hurley to win 1-0.

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storm hockey

Good first game for girls

The Minden Carquest Midget B Girls started their 2014-15 hockey season at home in Minden, Sunday afternoon, hosting the Napanee Crush.

Jamie Little finished off a nice rush with a wrister that eluded the Napanee tender to give the Storm a 1-0 lead midway through the first period. The Crush tied the score late in the second period with their aggressive attack on the Storm, finding the twine and capitalizing off a missed scoring chance by the Storm. Both teams had power play opportunities throughout the game but neither could break the tie. Good first game, girls, to get us started. Next home game is Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. in Minden, taking on the West Northumberland Wild.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Three games for Atom A

Oct. 4, RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm at Centre Hastings Tournament

It was raining when we arrived after almost a two-hour drive, leaving behind the Colourfest Fall Festival in Haliburton. Lots of loud cheering and yelling in the Storm dressing room as the coaching staff pumped up the team for what was going to be a couple of difficult games.

Game 1 vs Brighton Braves

The first four minutes of the game were all in the Brighton end as the Storm looked for the early lead. But too many unforced penalties cost us, with the Storm taking five penalties to the Braves one. The game ended in a 3-1 Brighton win. Storm game MVP goalie Darian Maddock faced 33 shots.

Game 2 vs Loyalist Jets

For the most part, the Storm players managed to stay out of the penalty box. By the third period we were behind 3-2. With little time left in the game, the Storm pulled their goalie, and surged ahead without getting that much-needed third goal. Storm game MVP Hunter Winder with one of the Storm goals.

After two losses that the RM Carpentry Storm could have won, the young squad found themselves in the C final. Darian Maddock came second in the goalie category of the skills competition after three extra rounds of shooting.

Game 3 vs Ennismore Eagles

Something happened during the break. Right from the start, the Storm dominated the game. They had come to life and did not resemble the team that lost their first two games. Two quick, awesome, lightning strikes twice, explosive goals from game MVP Emma "BOOM BOOM" Tidey, gave the Storm the lead and the boost they needed. With three more goals from Hunter Winder, Ben Robinson and Nick Phippen, the Storm bested the Eagles 5-1 to take the consolation game after which, when reached the comment, Asst Coach Rich Smith said proudly "that'll do donkey, that'll do".

Jason Glecoff for the RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm. Edited for length.

reader submissions



Bill Groen caught this five-pound largemouth bass on Beech Lake on Saturday, Oct. 4. Congratulations, Bill!

Photo submitted

Midget AE takes on Almaguin AE

Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE team faced off against the Almaguin AE team Friday at 8 p.m. in Haliburton. Tyler Casey assisted by Ethan Keefer and Jonathon Morrison scored 10 minutes into the game putting us up 1-0. Almaguin answered with two goals. Only to have Chris Thompson score a quick goal assisted by Ryan Manning and Hunter Bishop. With much effort Walker's Heating and Cooling's Midget AE team came up short with a final score of 4-2.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Audrey Fountain, a resident at Highland Wood, former resident of Maple Lake and faithful member of Maple Lake United Church. She

was in her 87th year at the time of her passing. Audrey Annie Murray had married Harry Fountain and together they raised Victoria, Bonnie Freeman, Linda Blakney, Ken (deceased) and John. In turn, they raised Audrey's eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral on Friday, Oct. 3 at Monk's Funeral Home was led by Ross Fogwell of Norland's Pioneer Church where Audrey worshipped while living with John and Heather. Burial was at the cemetery of Maple Lake United Church and was followed by a luncheon in the church where family and friends could visit and recall stories of Audrey's life.

To correct two words from last week's column: in describing the dances which were listed as reds and hip! It was reels and jigs along with strathspeys.

In a summer edition of *Ontario Out of Doors* Steve Galea writes of the celebration of time in the woods and the taking of game fairly as exemplified in the photo of Jack Morrison. He is posed against the building which "sports the collection of at least a dozen pairs of antlers suitably mounted."

Steve observes that there is far more to a hunt than a big set of antlers and adds that you should never lose the wonder, reverence and respect you feel for deer day-in and day-out in your hunting grounds. Well done, Jack and Steve!

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Rain, wind, rain. The leaves are definitely "drifting by my window." There's never a dull moment with weather. Wasn't yesterday summer? Guess we should enjoy each day as it comes and now plan to layer the clothing. Out with the sandals, and in with jackets. And with weather changes comes the amazing changes in cloud formations. The skies above the rocks and tress are constantly changing. Look up.

Perhaps we really should have been more creative in 1999 and given the name Sky to our municipality. (It did make the short list.)

Whatever the weather, curlers will hit the ice at the Wilberforce Curling Club the week of Oct. 27. Registration with refreshments was held on Sept. 25, but there is still time to join in the fall and winter fun.

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If interested in either of these opportunities, please submit a resume in confidence by October 22, 2014 to:

Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
Fax: 705-457-2398
www.hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of
Audrey Annie Fountain
Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 with her son and daughter-in-law at her side, in her 87th year.
Beloved wife of the late Harry. Dear mother of Victoria, Bonnie (Jonathan) Freeman, Linda Blakney, Ken (deceased) (Debbie) Fountain, John (Heather) Fountain. Loving grandmother of Bill (Carey) Nelson, Shawn (Laura) Nelson, Jason Fountain, Patricia (Bob) Potts, Eric (Lisa) Freeman, Amy Fountain, Stacey Blakney, Brandon Blakney, and great grandmother of Abbygail, Brody, Avery, Tawney-Rae, Isaah, Jeorjia, Lila and Ava. Fondly remembered by her family and friends.
Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Friday, October 3, 2014 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 3:00 pm. Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Maple Lake United Church (downstairs).
Memorial Donations to the Maple Lake United Church or the Highland Wood Long Term Care Residents Council would be appreciated by the family.

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580 EVENTS

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580 EVENTS

Minden Al-Anon Family Group
When: Mondays at 8 p.m.
Where: Meeting room at Hyland Crest, 6 McPherson St., Minden
Are you affected by someone else's drinking? Minden Al-Anon Family Group can help.

640 IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Crystal Bain who passed away Oct. 12, 2008

If roses grow in Heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch from me
Place them in my mom's arms
& tell her they are from me
Tell her I love and miss her
& when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while
Because remembering her is easy
I do it every day
But there is an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

In memory of my mom whom I will love always Tannis

640 IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Crystal Bain who passed away Oct. 12, 2008

Six long years have passed
We have tried to keep a brave front
Inside we yearn to see you
and our hearts are still so sad
So many good times
and a thousand treasured memories
Time has brought many changes
to your beautiful children
We love and cherish them
We are so thankful for the blessings
and opportunities
to make you proud.
Loving you forever
~ Mom and Dad

In memory of Crystal Bain who passed away Oct. 12, 2008

Trevin says
I love you mommy
and I miss you.

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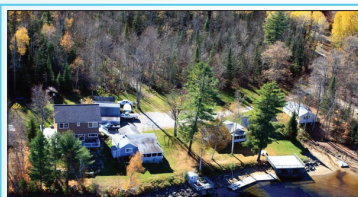
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\$437,000.



GLEN LAKE

Level lot, 386' frtg. No motor lake, close to skiing. Deeded access to Moose Lake.

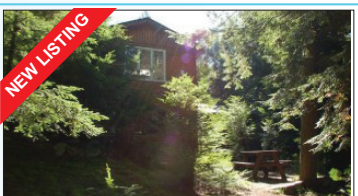
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KASHAGWIGAMOG LAKE

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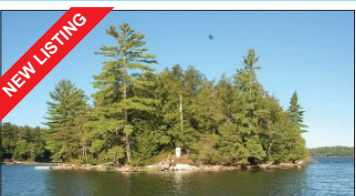
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KENNIS LAKE

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LAKE KASHAG

3 Season 2BR on pretty lot w/clean sand & rock shoreline. Cute 2BR Bunkie. South exposure

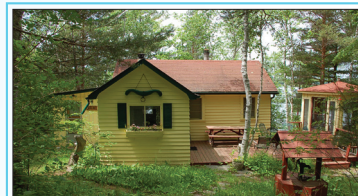
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BITTER LAKE HOME/COTTAGE

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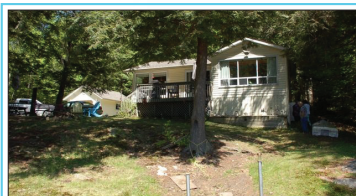
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